

The 48th Asian Pacific Consortium for Public Health Conference (2016/9/16-19)

Topics: Create a Healthy Future with Competent Professionals
Venue: Teikyo University Itabashi Campus (Tokyo)

The 48th Asian Pacific Consortium for Public Health Conference (APACPH) was held in Teikyo University Itabashi Campus in Tokyo from Sep. 16- 19 (Fri. - Sat.). Many public health departments of the Pacific limb universities join this consortium. This annual meeting was hosted by Teikyo University, Tokyo and more than 300 delegates especially from Asian region attended.

Prof. Shinichi Egawa of International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Tohoku University was the guest speaker of the symposium “Development of Community Resilient against Disaster and Public Health Response” and gave a lecture entitled “Sendai Framework and Bangkok Principle to make a healthy resilient community”. The symposium included the topic on the legal framework of Japanese disaster medicine, the medical response by DMAT, Sendai Framework, development for mothers and children after Great East Japan Earthquake and preparedness for maternal and child health. All speaker insisted the importance of trans-sectoral collaboration to promote the human-centered disaster risk reduction. The audience had active questions and discussions about how we can sustain the information gathering and analysis in the scarce resource situation in disaster, how DMAT cared the family of patients in the hospital when hospital evacuation was necessary, how children and youth can contribute the DRR, and how we should approach to the other sectors especially when we want to implement the maternal and child specific evacuation center.

The evidence based approach is the fundamental aspect of public health, but the actual on site action requires the immediate response to save the lives and health of affected people. At the same time, the budget for research in public health is always scarce. In the closing ceremony, President-elect of APACPH raised three key words, “Money”, “Evidence” and “Action” and insisted the importance of promoting the research using the existing resources and facts so that we can get the necessary budget for future research.

The next congress will be held in South Korea.



48th APACPH and its topics



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